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1. I FRANKLY BELIEVE THAT COMPLAINTS TO GOU FONMIN AT THIS STAGE WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND MIGHT WELL COMPLICATE OUR SITUATION. POWER WAS RESTORED TO EMBASSY HOUSE APPROXIMATELY 1245 YESTERDAY. WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER OUTAGE WAS HARRASSMENT OR JUST A SIMPLE BREAKDOWN. WE RECEIVED A WRITTEN APOLOGY FROM LANDLORD FOR PROLONGED OUTAGE. POWER WAS RESTORED AT USIS DAY EARLIER AFTER WE EXPLAINED WE HAD PAID BILL. CUTTING OF PHONE LINE AT NCOIC'S HOUSE WAS PROBABLY SIMPLY A PERSONAL INSPIRATION OF SOLDIERS WHO LIVE IN A BARRACKS AT PROPERTY BELOW HOUSE. IN ANY CASE, FOREIGN MINISTRY IS UTTERLY HELPLESS WITHIN GOU AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SENDING NOTES TO THEM ABOUT THESE INCIDENTS WILL BUILD MUCH OF A "CASE."

2. MORE SERIOUS, BUT HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH GOU HARRASSMENT IN OUR OPINION, WAS ATTEMPT YESTERDAY BY "KONDOS" TO STEAL JIM HAASE'S CAR AT GUNPOINT. FOR THE RECORD, GIVEN BELOW IS HIS OWN ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT. HE COMMENTED AFTERWARDS THAT HE

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CONSIDERED HIMSELF LUCKY IN THE OUTCOME. HE SAYS HE TOOK

EVASIVE ACTION BY REFLEX, AND IF HE HAD HAD TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT HE WOULD HAVE LET THEM HAVE THE CAR. ONCE HIS HHE HAVE BEEN SHIPPED, HE PLANS TO MOVE IN WITH PHIL RINGDAHL OR TO A HOTEL. HAASE'S REPORT FOLLOWS:

3. QUOTE AT APPROXIMATELY 2050 HOURS ON 31 OCTOBER 1973 MR. HAASE WAS RETURNING TO HIS RESIDENCE AND HAD PULLED UP TO THE FRONT GATE, WHEN A FOUR-DOOR BLUE SEDAN (PROBABLY JAPANESE MANUFACTURE) WITH FOUR AFRICANS PULLED UP AND YELLED "OUT OF THE CAR." THE AFRICAN ON THE LEFT FRONT SIDE GOT OUT. HE WAS WEARING A MULTI-COLORED SPORT SHIRT AND A JUNGLE HAT AND WAS CARRYING A SUB-MACHINE GUN. HE APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 23 YEARS OLD. HAASE REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND PUT HIS CAR INTO FORWARD AND BUMPED THIS MAN SO THAT HE WAS THROWN BACK AND OFF BALANCE. HAASE IMMEDIATELY PUT THE CAR IN REVERSE AND DROVE BACK UP NAKASERO ROAD TO WHERE IT MEETS WANAGEYA ROAD AND THEN PUT THE CAR IN FORWARD AND DROVE DOWN WANAGEYA ROAD AT A HIGH SPEED. THE OTHER CAR GAVE CHASE IN THE SAME MANNER BUT WHEN HAASE TURNED ON BAGANDA ROAD AND PASSED ANOTHER CAR, THE BLUE SEDAN CONTINUED STRAIGHT DOWN WANAGEYA ROAD TOWARDS KAMPALA ROAD. WHEN HAASE BUMPED THE MAN GETTING OUT ON THE LEFT SIDE, HE LEVELED HIS WEAPON AT HAASE'S CAR BUT DID NOT FIRE. HAASE KEPT TAKING EVASIVE ACTION WHILE DRIVING IN REVERSE ON NAKASERO ROAD WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN THE REASON HE DID NOT FIRE. HAASE'S SERVANTS WERE PASSENGERS IN HIS CAR AND THEY CLAIM THE TWO MEN IN THE BACK SEAT OF THE BLUE SEDAN WERE DRESSED IN ARMY UNIFORMS. HAASE DID NOT SEE THEIR DRESS BECAUSE THEY DID NOT GET COMPLETELY OUT OF THE CAR. HAASE DID NOT SEE THE DRIVER'S FACE OR HOW HE WAS DRESSED.

HAASE DROVE DIRECTLY TO CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO A JUNIOR OFFICER ON DUTY. HE IMMEDIATELY GOT ON THE RADIO AND REPORTED HAASE'S ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT TO A CRUSING POLICE CAR. SINCE HAASE FAILED TO GET THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE OTHER CAR, THE CRUSING POLICE PATROL DECIDED TO RETURN TO POLICE STATION AND INTERVIEW HAASE DIRECTLY. THIS PATROL ARRIVED WITHIN MINUTES AND AFTER TALKING TO HAASE, THEY OFFERED TO ESCORT HAASE BACK TO HIS RESIDENCE. HAASE PUT HIS CAR IN THE GARAGE AND SECURED THE HOUSE BEFORE ASKING THE PATROL TO TAKE HIM TO THE EMBASSY WHERE HE SPENT THE NIGHT. THIS WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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DONE AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE BECAUSE THE POLICE THOUGHT THAT THE ARMED ROBBERS MIGHT RETURN DURING THE NIGHT ANNOYED THAT THEIR ATTEMPTED ROBBERY HAD BEEN FOILED. HAASE HAD THE PACKERS AT HIS HOUSE FROM 0900 TO 1800 HOURS ON 31 OCTOBER PLUS A NUMBER OF CALLERS ASKING TO BUY HIS VEHICLE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE THIEVES LEARNED THAT HAASE WAS LEAVING AND HAD PLANNED TO STEAL HIS CAR OR SOME OF HIS HHE BEFORE THEY WERE SHIPPED. HAASE HAD TAKEN HIS SERVANTS OUT TO A FAREWELL DINNER

AT THE LOCAL CHINESE RESTAURANT AND IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HE WAS FOLLOWED FROM THERE. EARLIER IN THE DAY, HAASE HAD LUNCH AT THE SAME RESTAURANT AND HAD NOTICED A BLUE SEDAN WITH FOUR MEN IN IT. HE NOTICED THIS VEHICLE BECAUSE THE DRIVER (WEARING A JUNGLE HAT), HAD MADE SOME REMARK IN THE LOCAL LANGUAGE WHICH HAASE THOUGHT WAS DIRECTED AT HIM. HOWEVER, HAASE IGNORED IT AND WENT INTO THE RESTAURANT. HAASE CANNOT SAY WITH ANY ACCURACY THAT THE CAR HE SAW IN THE AFTERNOON WAS IDENTICAL TO THE ONE USED IN THE ATTEMPTED ROBBERY. HE IS NOT ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE DRIVER OF THAT CAR OR THE MAN HE SAW WITH THE SMG.

THE POLICE WERE VERY HELPFUL AND HANDLED THEMSELVES IN A MOST PROFESSIONAL MANNER. THE PATROL WAS FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY UNIT. END QUOTE.
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